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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd November 2006

**S.R.O. No.619/2006** — Whereas it has been reported to the State Government that in an incident of stampede four persons died and several others injured in the Shri Jagannath Temple, Puri on 4th November 2006;

2. And whereas the State Government are deeply concerned about the incident of stampede and are of the opinion that, this being a matter of public importance, should be inquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952;

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section-3 read with sub section (1) of section-5 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Shri Justice Pradyumna Kumar Mohanty, a sitting Judge of Orissa High Court, to enquire into and report in respect of the following matters, within six months from the date of publication of this notification in the *Orissa Gazette*, namely: —

- (i) Analysis of the sequence of events and circumstances leading to the stampede inside Sri Jagannath Temple, Puri on 04.11.2006.
- (ii) Whether the measures taken in anticipating, preventing and handling the situations were adequate, inadequate and the responsibility for such acts of commission or omission.
- (iii) The role, conduct and responsibility of the organizations, group of individuals or persons, if any, in influencing, precipitating or escalating the incident; and suggestions for prevention of such occurrence in future and
- (iv) Any other matter connected with or incidental thereto as the Commission may consider appropriate.

4. Further, the State Government are of the opinion that having regard to the nature of inquiry to be made and the other circumstances pertaining to the incident, it would be appropriate

that the provisions of sub-section (2), (3), (4) & (5) of section 5 of the said Act should apply to the conduct of this inquiry by the Commission. Therefore, the State Government directs that the aforesaid provisions shall apply, accordingly.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Cuttack. However, the Commission may hold the inquiry in Puri or any other place also as may be considered necessary by them for the purpose.

[No.5005/C.]  
By order of the Governor

TARUN KANTI MISHRA  
Principal Secretary to Government